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Class Photo with John Toner, Yoncalla Oregon c 1924-1926

Reflections

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A small but vivid snapshot of rural Oregon families from the generation just before World War II. The great generation.

A Yoncalla class photo from the late 1920s, likely around fourth grade, with 24 students and a teacher. That's John Robert Toner middle row, on the right, my grand-uncle. John was born in Yoncalla Oregon in 1912. What is worth noting is that the back of the photo lists every child by name. I'm assuming Mrs Miller, there in the back, added names to all the 24 photos.

Yoncalla was rural and you can see the craftmanship and ingenuity in clothing those kids for school. The Louise Brooks style haircuts are especially charming and clearly the girl in the second row far right, Wanita Wam, wears it in style. Zoom in on this photo—there's real personality here.

The original print was literally spattered, everywhere, with small coffee stains. Uncle John's expression explains it all.

Top row (left to right): Lawrence Coons, Hilbert Lawson, Bernice Reynolds, D Cooper, Elizabeth Hawlman, Mrs Miller, Bobby Brown, Clyde Kelso, Katherine Dougherty, Harry Mathis

Middle row: Rosy Davis, Doris Kimman, Audrey Smith, Harold Edes, Culthern Snider, Wanita Wam, John Toner

Front row: Wayne Satchel, Bessie Kinman, Homer Durman, Alvin Durman, Eddie Lawson, Gladys Reynolds, Luthelma Dougherty

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Lawdena Coons
Hilbert Lawson
Bernice Reynolds
Al Cooper
Elizabeth Hawkman
Mrs Miller
Bobby Brown
Clyde Kelso
Kathleen Daugherty
Harry Mathis
Rosy Hardie
Gladys Kimmons
Audrey Smith
Harold Edes
Cuthern Snider
Wanita Ware
John Tomp
Wayne Sawchel
Beksil Kimmons
James Hudson
Alvin Hudson
Eddie Lawson
Gladys Reynolds
Luthelma Daugherty

Row 2 from right
John Lowe

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Lawrence Coons
Hilbert Lawson
Bernice Reynolds
Ll Cooper
Elizabeth Howlman
Mrs Miller
Bobby Brown
Clyde Kelso
Katherine Dougherty
Harry Mathis
Rosy Slade
Gladys Kinman
Audrey Smith
Harold Edes
Cuthern Snider
Wanita Ware
John Tout
Wayne Lawchel
Beksil Kinman
Hames Glurman
Alvin
Eddie Lawson
Gladys Reynolds
Luthelma Dougherty

Row 2 Row night
John Tout

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